

When You Need Perspective

Week of September 8, 2013

Into the Fire • Message 7

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The Vision: Daniel 7:1-15 (p. 619)

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PRACTICAL JOKE? • SUDOKU? • MINESWEEPER? // CONSIDER DANIEL'S RESPONSE 15 & 28

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WHAT TO FEEL? BACK TO LITTLE HORN, WHO'S THAT SOUND LIKE? EVERY KING!

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A Little More: Daniel 8:1-27

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